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Don't miss reading the August issue of **TNA NEWS** - Bill Slate's "Topical Collecting" article will give you some ideas on a "Spirit of the Old West" exhibit to vie for the new A. I. Martin Memorial Award.

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REMEMBER - the  
of August is the  
deadline for the Sep-  
tember issue of TNA  
NEWS

# PRESIDENT'S

## MESSAGE



It was my privilege to visit District 13 and Governor W. C. Williams in May. We had a very productive meeting and also attending were TNA First Vice President Charles A. Wingo and Governor Hull of District 1. Several new members were signed up for TNA. We feel that these meetings are very beneficial to our organization, and I would like to visit as many districts this year as I can. We are looking forward to the annual meeting of District 3 in July at Abilene.



April and May were good months for new applications for TNA membership—69 have applied. This is a terrific start. **PLEASE** everyone, try to get one new member this year.



**GOVERNORS**—are you visiting the clubs in your district or at least contacting them by mail, offering your services and assistance? Are you asking people to join TNA? **REMEMBER**—you are the official representative of TNA in your district and the progress accomplished will be a reflection on you as the governor **GET BUSY!**



Have you noticed the growth of the TNA NEWS the past few months? Take the time to write the editor and tell her that all her efforts are appreciated and at the same time

send her news from your club. All of us would like to share your activities—it gives others ideas too.



To those of you who are members of ANA, you will be receiving your ballot of candidates by the time you receive your July TNA NEWS. However, it will not be too late to vote. Vote your choice, but keep in mind those candidates who are interested in the **RANK** and **FILE MEMBERS** and not just the **CHIEFS**.



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# The Earliest Anno Domini Dated Coins

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## Part 7: Mediaeval Numbers Illustrated

Examine the numbers on the coins in your American collection. They are Arabic numerals and, as any first grader could tell you, they look like this: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9.

You can look at American coins until you are blue in the face and only these ten basic digits appear. It gets rather boring.

Not so with early dated coins utilizing Arabic numbers. Their shapes are often so different from ours that they offer the numismatist a thoughtful challenge. Note the interesting shapes in FIGURE 12, some of which have already been discussed. Each of these variants will be illustrated, sometimes two and even



Dave Cervin

three on a single coin.

FIGURE 13 is a briquet of Charles the Bold, struck in 1474. It shows 2 of 4e and 7. The date starts at 8 o'clock. This is the oldest dated coinage of the Netherlands and probably did more to popularize Arabic numerals than any other coin.

FIGURE 14 is a 1475 also of Charles and shows the more artistic 4, identified in Figure 12 as 4b. The mediaeval 7 also appears. The date starts at 10 o'clock. (For an interesting discussion of 4 and 7 see Part 2

Z 2 8 X 4 7 A

FIGURE 12—These are the strange looking numbers that appear on early dated coins. All are illustrated by the next several figures. Sometimes only the obverse (dated side) is shown. Legend translations are normally omitted.

### Key to Boldface letters and numbers

<b>A</b>	<b>π</b>	<b>Ma</b>	<b>∞</b>	<b>Nb</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>4b</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>Mb</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>Nc</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>4c</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>Mc</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>4d</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Md</b>	<b>∞</b>	<b>z</b>	<b>Z</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>K</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Na</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4a</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>A</b>

FIGURE 2 — Where the text has Boldface letters or numbers, the mediaeval equivalent may be found from this tabulation. It will be repeated with each future article.

of this series in the February issue of TNA NEWS.)

FIGURE 15, is a Kreuzer struck by Frederick III Holy Roman Emperor, in 1471. It was issued by Wiener Neustadt, a parttime capital of Austria during Mediaeval days. This time we see another variant of 4, identified as 4a, on FIGURE 12. The date starts at 10 o'clock. A second example of 4a is shown by FIGURE 16, a schilling struck for Mainz by Archbishop Berthold. The date starts at 8 o'clock.

We now come to two truly dramatic and rare numbers. The first is 5, sort of an upside-down-insideout L, as shown by FIGURE 12. Manuscripts employed this character, as well as 7, as early as the 13th century. The first use of both was by

William III, Saxony, on a 1457 (1 4a 5 7) groschen. The only other



FIGURE 13 (TOP PHOTO)—Charles the Bold (1467-1477) struck this briquet for Flanders in 1474. The date starts on obverse at 8 o'clock. Note the mediaeval forms of 4 and 7, identified on Figure 12 as 4c and 7.

FIGURE 14—Charles the Bold also struck this double briquet, dated 1475. This time note the capped 4 (4b) which is not only more artistic than the 4c, but also more closely resembles the original form, 4a. The date starts at 10 o'clock.

FIGURE 15—Frederick III, Holy Roman Emperor from 1440 to 1493, struck this Kreuzer for Wiener Neustadt in 1471. Here we see 4a for 4. The usual mediaeval 7 occurs.

FIGURE 16—Schilling issued by Archbishop Berthold of Mainz, 1481-1501. Again we find 4a as 4, with date starting at 8 o'clock. Note that the good archbishop (ARCP) was also a prince (PRIN) and an elector (ELECT).

use of 5 during the 1400s was a (14) 7 5 half-groschen by Ernest, William, and Albert, dukes of Saxony, and shown by FIGURE 17. Even Frey missed this strange 5 in his masterpiece on pre-1500 dated coins but it is possibly a typographical error.

This coin is interesting for other reasons. The three brothers were proud of their dukeships over such unlikely named principalities as Thuringy, Longravy, Marchiones, and Misniae, in addition to Saxony. They insisted on including all of these names on their coins, and the result is an almost unintelligible series of queer abbreviations. Saxony was to continue this multiple use of names and principalities for a considerable time period.

Rare as this mediaeval 5 is found during the 15th century (for just two years), nevertheless it makes at least one appearance in the 16th century. FIGURE 18 was struck by Livonia in 1522, but the date 1 5 2 2 really gives the solid impression of being 1722. Note that 2 appears as Z.

This coin has a most interesting history. In 1202 Innocent III recognized the Order of Brothers of the Sword, who spread the Christian religion among the natives by the sword. This order headquartered in Livonia (Poland). Look closely and you can count six swords, five of which are on the reverse.

And now for the real *choef d'œuvre*, a sideways 4, shown as 4d in FIGURE 12. Such an unlikely orientation of

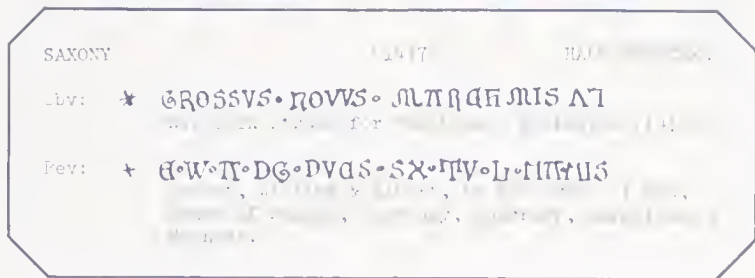


FIGURE 17 — This (14) half-groschen of William III, Saxony, has the very rare 4 for 5. It also has the usual 7 for 7. Since the century number (14) is not shown, the whole date may be seen at 11 o'clock. The only other date in the 15th century employing this rare form of 5 was the 1457 groschen, also by William III.



4 seems almost inconceivable yet it was quite intentional.

Referring back to Part 2, we find that the first 4 to replace the traditional Roman IIII was the script form of e, shown as 4a in FIGURE 12. With the introduction of print-

ing, the letter was hard to make and often filled with ink so it was squared off to an x closed at the top, or 4c. This did not prove too satisfactory as it became confused with an x, especially when the outer line was poorly struck or wore off. It was therefore turned 45 degrees both clockwise and counter-clockwise. The latter, of course, forms our present day 4 and prevailed. The former was rarely used and literally died aborning. Frey lists four dates using 4d as the 4 in 1400, all between 1492-1499. However, the only known instance of 4d appearing at the end of the date is on the coin shown by FIGURE 19. It was struck by Frederick III for Styria, a satellite of the Holy Roman Empire. The date appears at 9 o'clock. Note that it is a partial

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FIGURE 18—The rare 5 makes at least one appearance in the 16th century, a 1522 issued by Livonia. Observe that the date, 1522, appears to be a 1722 due to the use of 5 for 2. Also the date is in the upper part of the field rather than at the end of the legend which has been almost uniformly the case for coins struck before 1500. Note also the Z for 2. Count the swords, five on the reverse and one on obverse. Livonia (Poland) was headquarters for the Order of Brothers of the Sword, a group recognized by Innocent III in 1202 to spread the Christian religion among the natives by the sword.



FIGURE 19—The coin of Styria (Frederick III, HRE) is the real chef d'œuvre of mediaeval numbers. At 9 o'clock may be seen a sideways four, 4d. This 1494 is the only date that has a sideways four for either of the last two numbers. It was not an accident, it was intentional. See text for further explanation.



# TOPICAL COLLECTING

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## CROSSING BRIDGES IN NUMISMATICS

To many non-collectors and speculators, the history and study of numismatics is irrelevant but to the true numismatist it is an awarding experience. The true numismatist can help overcome this indifference by letting others share in his knowledge. The speculator enjoys his bulk of coins as long as there is an increase in profit but when the increase starts to decrease then his interest starts to falter. Of course, collectors like to see their collections increase over the years but their enjoyment comes from the relaxation of indepth study, completion and some in the excitement of exhibit competition.

Bridges on coins is another one of the small areas of topical collecting and it is not too difficult to complete by type if you omit the Shooting Festival coins of Switzerland. Some collectors may consider the Shooting Festival coins or medals to be an early form of controversial issues but since they did circulate and are found in less than perfect condition, they will be given full coverage.

The first series we will cover is the thalers and the first of these to show a bridge is the one issued by the Geneva Canton. Although the thaler has no value shown, it is of the 5-Franc denomination of the Swiss Confederation and was issued in 1851. The depiction of the bridge is very small since it is included in the background along with the city of Geneva. There is no name



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assigned to the bridge because it is one of the eight bridges that span the Rhone River. The river divides the town into two parts at the southwest end of the Lake of Geneva. This thaler was designed by L. Doreciere, measures 38mm with a plain edge and has a mintage of 1,274.

Next is the thaler from Lausanne in Vaud that was issued in 1876 in the value of five Francs. Here we see the first detailed engraving of a bridge because the bridge is in the foreground of the obverse with the city in the background. This city normally had two streams flowing through the center of town, the Flon and the Louve. At the present, these streams have been filled in, leaving numerous depressions and as a result the city is built on many levels with bridges to interconnect. This thaler was designed by E. Durussel, measures 37mm, has a milled edge and a mintage of 20,000.

Third and last of the Canton thalers is from the Canton of Fribourg



**CROSSING BRIDGES**—Coins shown are just a few samples for assembling an exhibit for topical collecting and bridges on coins would be an interesting topic to research. The top coin is a 10 Haleru of Czechoslovakia and shows the Charles Bridge at Prague. The middle photo is a 1956 20 Forint of Hungary depicting the Szechenyi Bridge. This coin is a commemorative and the symbol of Count Istvan Szecheny. The lower photo shows the 1936 20 Escudos of Portugal, named the Salazar coin to commemorate the opening of the Salazar Bridge in Lisbon.

and its value is five Francs and was issued in 1881. Fribourg is located in the western part of Switzerland on the west bank of the Sarine River. Here we find a detailed engraving of the 165-yard long Pont du Gotteron suspension bridge over the Gotteron Valley, this bridge was replaced in 1930 by a concrete construction. This thaler was designed by E. Durussel, measures 37mm, has a milled edge and a mintage of 30,000. The preceding thalers were all composed of .900 fine silver.

Czechoslovakia is the first country to issue a general series for circulation of minor denominations with coins depicting a bridge design. The bridge is the Charles Bridge at Prague across the Vltava River and it was built during the reign of King and Emperor Charles IV, 1346-1378. Many baroque statues decorate the bridge and today it is preserved in its original state. This general series was designed by Otakar Spaniel and was issued from 1922 to 1938 in values of 2 Halere, 5 and 10 Haleru. The specifics are 2 Halere, 1923-25, 17mm, 2 grams, zinc; 5 Haleru, 1923-38, 16mm, 1.66 grams, bronze; 10 Haleru, 1922-38, 18mm, 2 grams, bronze. Within this country we also find the German Protectorate of Bohemia-Moravia with its depiction of the Charles Bridge. This coin was designed by Jaroslav Eder and was issued between 1940-1944 in the value of 10 Haleru. The other specifics are 17mm, 1.88 grams and zinc.

After the founding of the Weimar Constitution in 1919 in Germany, we find a series of 3 and 5 Mark commemorative coins. In this series we also come across a bridge on the 1930 3 and 5 Mark silver coins commemorating the Evacuation of the Rhineland. The Treaty of Versailles provided for the German demilitarization of the Rhineland and occupa-

tion of the area by allied troops until 1935. Due to the efforts of the German Foreign Minister Gustav Stresemann and the Locarno Pact, the last foreign troops were withdrawn from the area in 1930. The reverse design shows the German Eagle upon a bridge across the Rhine and the inscription "DER RHEIN DEUTSCHLANDS STROM-NICHT DEUTSCHLANDS GRENZE" meaning "The Rhine is German's river—Not German's Border." The designer was Grienauer and the coins measure 30 mm for the 3 Mark and 37mm for the 5 Mark.

As we continue across Europe we come to the country of Hungary. The first example of a bridge here is found on the silver 1956 20-Forint Szechenyi Bridge commemorative. This bridge is the symbol of Count Istvan Szechenyi policy of reform. The Count was a great noble and also Hungary's first national leader. Because he was conservative in social outlook, he wished the aristocracy to put themselves at the head of the national movement. To do this he levied a tax on noble land and the tax in turn provided the funds for the building of this chain bridge across the Danube at Budapest, completed in 1849. The legend "MAGYAR, NEPKOZTARSASAG" means "Hungarian Peoples Republic" and the word "NEPKOZTARSASAG" is also the name of the finest avenue in Budapest. At the end of World War II, all bridges across the Danube were blown up by the retreating Germans and in 1945 the reconstruction was started. It is interesting to note that the reverse of this coin shows the Soviet influence of captive Hungary and the coin was issued in the year that Hungary revolted against Soviet rule. The coin was designed by Istvan Ivan, minted in Budapest, measures 32mm and has a 20,000 mintage. The edge is

incused with a sun ornament and lettered design.

Hungary has also issued an aluminum 50-Filler coin from 1967-69 that depicts the Elizabeth Bridge across the Danube. This coin was also minted at Budapest and the specifications are 21.5mm, 1.2 grams and has a plain edge.

The newest commemorative coin to show a bridge is the Salazar coin of Portugal to commemorate the opening in 1966 of the Salazar Bridge across the Tagus River at Lisbon. This is the longest bridge in Europe and the design shows the bridge, a



**U.S. BRIDGE**—The San Francisco Bay Bridge opening was commemorated with a half dollar issued in 1936. Another coin to add to your topical collection of "Crossing Bridges."

view of the shoreline and a ship passing underneath the bridge. The coin is of .650 fine silver in the value of 20 Escudos, measures 30mm, weight is 10 grams, edge is reeded and has a mintage of two million.

The coinage of the United States is also represented in this theme with two commemorative half dollars. The first of these is found on the Battle of Antietam commemorative designed by William Marks. This half dollar was struck in 1937 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the famous Civil War battle of Antietam where General Robert E. Lee was defeated in his attempt to invade Maryland. The reverse design depicts the Burnside Bridge, an important objective in the engagement between Generals McClellan and Lee. The Battle of Antietam was on September 17, 1862 and was one of the bloodiest single-day battles of the war with total losses of about 25,000 men. Total mintage of the coin was 18,028.

In 1936, a half dollar was struck in San Francisco to commemorate the opening of the San Francisco Bay Bridge. The reverse design depicts the bridge across the bay with the coastline on each side and two ships about to pass underneath. This design was the work of San Francisco artist Jacques Schnier and the coin

has a mintage of 71,424

In geographical terms, the country of Panama is called the land bridge between North and South America. Since the camel is called the ship of the desert and sometimes included in ship exhibits, so then could a coin from Panama be included in the bridge theme. I include this country because in the middle of the shield is a general outline or view of the country.

As stated in the April TNA NEWS, I am in the process of trying to get the Board of Governors to approve an annual TOPICAL AWARD at all ANA conventions. At the present time, I plan to present this request in person at the Boston ANA meeting. My wife and I both plan to put in two or three exhibits and these exhibits will be in line with topical themes. I am sorry that I left out the specifics about the award in the April issue, so I will generally try to cover what I want the award to accomplish. The award is to be one without the creation of a new category so that an exhibitor will still be able to compete in a normal category. The only restriction will be that ALL the coins or currency exhibited MUST SHOW the TOPICAL DESIGN, such as all ships, animals, etc. So please rush your donation or the amount



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of your pledge to me so that I can present facts and figures at the ANA meeting in August. My address is: W. B. Slate, 1244 Kimberly Circle No. C, Rock Springs, Wyo. 82901.

Since the original outline for the award and request for donations, I have written to all members of the

ANA Board of Directors and those on the nominations report. Those replying thus far are favorable. Because of this favorable indication I am providing a form for the individuals who wish to take an active part in our hobby and support the establishment of a TOPICAL AWARD.

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## THE EARLIEST ANNO DOMINI — Continued from Page 8)

date, the century number being omitted.

That a sideways 4 even exists is point of information generally not known to knowledgeable numismatists. First of all, their life span was probably limited to the late 15th century only. And in the entire United States there are hardly a half dozen professional numismatists who ever handle pre-1500 dated coins. Further, most of these are not keen students of Albert R. Frey who may have been the only person ever to have illustrated this sideways 4 in a publication having extensive coverage.

The writer received his 4d quite by accident. It was identified as STYRIA (14)87 (Gothic seven.) The writer needed this date for Styria so he ordered the coin. To his utter amazement and tremendous pleas-

ure, the 7 was a 4d! Note, however, if one looks hurriedly, there is an indication of a crudely shaped 7.

Clearly, collecting early dated coins is vastly rewarding in many ways. The hardest part of collecting is just getting them. There aren't many left, and holders of them are reluctant to part with them. All are rare to a reasonable degree, and some are very rare. The (14)34d Styria is possibly high on the rare side. Even the (14)75 is more than moderately rare. Those of Charles the Bold are the least rare because he struck so many, actually several million. But don't be deceived. If you are ever fortunate enough to find one, keep it, cherish it. You may never find another and it could very well be one of the real treasures of your collection.

Next month: A study of the very earliest dated coins having Arabic numerals.)

# NUMISMATIC ERRORS

— A NEW FIELD —

Researched, Discussed & Presented

By: L. G. Davenport,  
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## Filled Or Polished - Is That The Question?

Back in January, my regular column on numismatic errors appeared for the first time in the TNA NEWS.

At the time of writing, I wondered if anyone would bother to read it.

WELL — someone did! In fact, "several someones"

did and took the time to write me about it. One letter was an apparent challenge to some of my statements. The challenger? None other than Jim Johnson of *Coin World*, editor of *Collector's Clearinghouse*.

The reason for the usage of the word "apparent" is because of the nature in which it came. One day my mail included an envelope from Johnson. Since I had not written him, curiosity had me in its grips before the envelope could be opened and digested. Much to my surprise, there was nothing in the form of a letter inside—**NOT A WORD**. There were, however, several sheets with copies of *Collector's Clearinghouse* from back issues. They were dated 11-30-'66, 5-10-'67, 8-30-'67 and 9-6-'67. A quick glance brought suspicions of the reason, while a closer look brought the unmistakable message through, loud and clear. All these copies were concerned with the 1922 no mint mark cents and polishing coinage dies.

It is interesting to note some of



L. G. Davenport

the comments by Johnson in the August 30, 1967 issue. He made a point at the beginning of his article that I was trying to make in mine, the influence books and/or coin holders have on collectors and their collections. We were both referring to collectors of "regular" issues. This will be discussed a little more in depth later in the article.

His comments were illustrated, as mine were, by the 1922 cent and the 1937D 3-legged Buffalo nickel. Up to this point, we are in perfect agreement, but here is where the two articles differed and I was challenged. My explanation of these two error coins were: the cent was a filled-die product while the nickel was from an over-polished die. Johnson attributes both of the errors to the same cause—over-polishing dies.

The column goes on to explain that it had been a common misconception that these missing design errors were the products of filled-die strikes. Not until 1965, when some extensive research began by a collector, Alan D. Craig, did it become known to the hobby that polishing or lapping was practiced to prolong die life. It seems that Craig was fortunate enough to talk to a former Denver mint employee at the ANA convention held in that city in 1963. The employee related a very interesting incident to Craig that he had witnessed in 1937.

That's right, it had to do with the now famous 3-legged Buffalo nickel. He saw a pressman lapping a nickel



die for a long time and then run the press with that die for about 20 minutes. A coin struck by that die setup was examined by the witness and shown to an inspector. The inspector noted the missing leg and stated that excessive die-lapping was the cause. Of course, this was the explanation of the error given in my January column.

As stated earlier, the 1922 cent is quite another story. Collector's Clearinghouse, in the May 10, 1967, issue, carried the first of two reports by Craig on 1922 'plain' cents. He begins by stating that he traveled some 55,000 miles into 13 states researching the 1922 mint-markless cent. "This research revealed four varieties of the 1922 'plain' cents: three different obverse dies and four different reverse dies." Craig continues — "One of the obverse dies, which was used with two reverses, is regarded as having been sent from Philadelphia to Denver with no mint mark punched on it at all."

Now, this is most interesting. This type of error was discussed in my column, but not designated as a cause for the error in question. I have no proof that Denver received an obverse cent die in 1922 without a mint mark punched into it, nor do I find it difficult to believe. Quite the contrary, it seems highly plausible that such a thing could and did happen. Most likely this has happened in other years, but went unnoticed because cent were minted in Philadelphia also. The 1922 cent was brought into prominence quite by accident. Coincidence, I believe, is the term used by Johnson.

One has to look no further back than 1968, '70 and '71 to prove that dies can leave Philadelphia for one of the branch mints without the proper mark. Proof sets of those years bear

a silent but vivid witness to that fact.

It seems that a retraction is in order. I did make the statement that this type of error was not the cause of the mint-markless 1922 cent. I can't positively say that the mint mark was not punched on a die used to mint cents in Denver in 1922, but neither can I deny it.

Let's now turn to Craig's next statement. "The other two obverses, each with its own separate reverse, started out with mint marks but each one was polished or 'lapped' so many times to eliminate clash marks that the mint letters eventually wore down to a micro dot or spot, sometimes invisible to the naked eye."

In the face of the statement made by such an astute numismatist, I still find it extremely difficult to believe lapping or over-polishing dies to be the cause of any of the four varieties of the 1922 'plain' cents.

Admittedly, I am hard-headed, but willing to keep an open mind and ready to examine any and all facts. What are the facts? First, in all fairness, I must confess that I have not researched the 1922 "plain" cent, and have examined less than a dozen specimens. I have, however, examined literally thousands of coins struck with dies both filled and over polished. Of the 1922 'plain' cents and the photos (including those in C. C.) I've seen, I find no evidence of over polishing.

In an area so congested with design, such as is the case with the Lincoln cent in the area of the mint mark, it seems highly unlikely that the mint mark could be so completely removed by polishing without leaving strong evidence. If lapping were confined to a small part of the die involving only the mint mark, to eliminate it would result in a relatively deep spot that would leave a mound on the struck coin. If the lapping



were spread over a wider area to avoid such a sunken place on the die, other parts of the design would be drastically weakened or even removed. The date and the front of Lincoln's coat are both in close proximity to the mint mark and definitely would show such signs.

Another facet that mystifies, is the necessity for lapping in this area in the first place. Coinage dies are not flat as the coin would make them appear; they are convex. In other words, the field areas of coinage dies are the highest points and are curved from the rim outward toward the center. When the dies clash together, they do so at the center. Seldom do clash marks reach out near the rim. Note that I said seldom, because it does happen occasionally where large cavities are involved. When a large cavity or void is in the center of the die, as with the Lincoln cent, the dies are able to come together closer to the rim in certain areas. In the case of the Lincoln cent, the bust happens to be on the obverse - the same side the mint mark is on. The clash mark left by Lincoln's bust will be left on the reverse - the opposite side from the mint mark.

The reverse of the Lincoln cent bearing the wheat design is relatively shallow. While it is capable of leaving clash marks on the obverse die, the only one I've seen to any extent is between Lincoln's chin and his bow tie. These marks are from the right vertical leg of the letter "N" in the word cent. This letter falls in a quadrant very near the center. Never have I seen a clash mark on the obverse near the mint mark.

The only conclusion left for me other than the possible mint-mark-less-die explanation is a filled-die error. A mint mark filled with some foreign material could eliminate it from the finished product in the same

way it was from the 1922 cent.

My conviction that this is a filled-die error is shared by one of the foremost numismatic error experts in the country - Arnold Margolis. Quoting from his March 25, 1973 issue of *Error Trends Coin Magazine* on page four in the Error Primer #53 Section, he says, - "The 1922D cent, for example, received considerable notoriety when the die clogged at the mint mark and many cents were produced without the 'D', implying a Philadelphia product erroneously."

It would be grossly unfair not to quote him from the next page also. "The 1937D Buffalo nickel which has one leg filled and obliterated, created the famous 3-legged Buffalo is another such example. In this case there is still controversy over the actual cause of the missing leg. It is known that somewhere along the line, the dies clashed causing damage. The dies were then polished down to remove the evidence of the clash marks and the relief of the die was lowered considerably. This was the major factor in weakening the relief of that fourth leg. A combination of polishing and partial die clogs therefore contributed to the formation of the famous (or infamous?) 3-legged Buffalo nickel."

While I am in complete agreement with him on the cause of the error with the 1922 cent, I don't subscribe to die-filling as the cause of the 1937D nickel error. As he points out, there has been some controversy on this point, but it has been my impression that it is widely accepted that polishing was the cause.

Now - we have two well knowns, and an unknown, who all disagree in one way or another on the cause of these two errors. Johnson says excessive lapping in both cases. Margolis says clogged die for both along with lapping in the case of the 1937D nickel - while my opinion is a filled

die with the cent and over-polished with the nickel. As important as identifying the cause of these mint errors is, this was not the point of my column in the January issue of the TNA NEWS.

My point was that some very minor error types, and both of these are just that whether the product of die filling or over polishing, have become highly prized coins in collections of "regular" series. These error types are normally overlooked and are not popular with mint-error collectors because they are so plentiful. The filled-die and over-polished die errors can be found on all denominations regularly. On this point we all agree.

Margolis expresses those same views in the previously mentioned issue of ETCM. While referring to filled die errors and the lack of interest in them he writes, "This apparent lack of enthusiasm about an error type is not always true. There are some rather famous clogged-die errors which have received publicity far beyond their actual value." He, of course, was referring to the 1922 'plain' cent and the 1937D 3-legged Buffalo.

In Collector's Clearinghouse August 30, 1967, Johnson states - "Most collectors of 'normal' coins collect by the book, whether or not they admit it to themselves or anyone else. If a die variety is listed in whatever book they use, usually the Red Book for modern collectors or the Standard Catalogue for old timers, they want it. The same goes for 'error' coins as far as non-error collectors are concerned." He says holder or folder can be a substitute for a book, and that neither usually list errors - only varieties. An exception to this is the listing of overdates, some are definitely mistakes while others are intentional.

"Another exception comprises two errors which are quite minor under

most collectors' definition. If all the known coins with the same type of error were catalogued by Red Book, there would be no room for anything else," - writes Johnson.

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## "Mini Penny" Bags For Sale

1973 "penny" bags, mini size, are now available over-the-counter and by mail order at the Old Mint in San Francisco, according to Mrs. Mary Brooks, director of the mint.

Mail orders will be accepted during July and August. These are small bags which are replicas of the larger mint bags used to transport United States coins to the 37 Federal Reserve Banks and branches. Each mini-bag contains 15 uncirculated 1973 one-cent pieces - five each produced at the Philadelphia and Denver mints and at the San Francisco Assay Office.

Prices are: 5 bags - \$2.00; 10 - \$3.75; 15 - \$5.00; 20 - \$6.50; and 25 - \$8.00. No more than 25 may be ordered and the price includes the cost of handling and shipping by insured mail.

Address all orders to: Bureau of the Mint, Penny Bags, 55 Mint St., San Francisco, Calif. 94103.

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## TROY OUNCE

The Mexican coin struck by the Mexico City mint to circulate all over the world was the Troy Ounce of 41mm and issued in 1949. It was done so that all countries could carry out commercial transactions with a coin of the value of one ounce Troy with a certainty regarding its silver contents and its fineness as guaranteed by the Mexico mint. A million pieces with a fineness of 0.925 and a gross weight of 33.625 grams were struck, each contained 31.035 grams or 480 grains of pure silver.

# UNSATISFIED COLLECTORS

BY: BRAD MILLS,  
Dallas Morning News

An extensive survey among coin collectors has revealed a wide diversification in acquisitions of items that add variety and "conversation" pieces to a formerly all-US portfolio. Such issues as medals, misstrikes, paper money and foreign commemoratives have become more prominent in normal market channels. The trend has been largely at the expense of certain U.S. issues that have been depressed or rather dormant for sometime. This country has given us a continuation of proof sets and special uncirculated coin packets, but that has hardly been enough to satisfy the active collectors who like to admire and inspect their coins during the evening hours.

The casual collector requires limited additions to his holdings. He puts his coins aside for inspection on infrequent whims or special occasions. The avid hobbyist can hardly wait to get home to admire his various issues. This active collector also is the one who mostly sets the trends at coin stores, bid boards and the various market places. He becomes bored at the sameness of his portfolio, and feels the urge to add something to his inventory. The wheeler-dealer type of collector certainly is a stimulating influence in the hobby and usually can afford to add the things he expensively wants.

The temptation to drift away from items of true numismatic value is



Brad Mills

always present. Collectors should do well to avoid acquisition of obscure medals and trinkets, unless they are purchased for display and holding for what they really are. Many medals and commemorative pieces of real merit are available, however, and when well sponsored, they may eventually turn into worthwhile collections. Collections of tokens, transportation items, old political badges, etc., seem to get a lot of enjoyment from such inexpensive material, and they should not be frowned on for their modest tastes.

Many collectors complain of the necessity for keeping their coins in bank boxes, adding that half the pleasure has been taken from the hobby because of the fear of home thefts. This apprehension has affected both the collectors' tendency to buy extra coins and his tastes for the more valuable items. It is possible to collect and hold in the home a large number of inexpensive issues, a fact that has prompted many hobbyists to acquire such material as will give them pleasure at minimum risk. An inspection of a large gold collection usually involves a special trip to the bank, a trek that does not give much time for examination and admiration. It is most unfortunate that no safety from robbery exists for the owners of large collections who use their homes for storage. These hazards have doubtless affected the collecting habits of many persons.

As a last word for collectors who ask about possible changes in their purchasing habits, it only seems fair to encourage them to branch out into new avenues when their interest in the old issues have waned. New territory usually brings on new thrills, whether it involves girl friends

or coins. So to the young collector who is slightly bored with his lot, try switching to issues that may add a new zest to the hobby.



## HOARDING

The tendency to hoard coins in considerable quantities, rather than collect them in the accepted manner, has created a breed of low-key accumulators who tend to put away just about any issue of value. This wide practice includes the speculators and promoters who hope for some type of appreciation in the future.

Webster defines hoarding as a gathering, storing away or hiding for future needs such items as money, food, jewels and miscellaneous commodities. The hoarding of money dates back to the earliest striking of coins and precious bullion bars—almost to 1000 B.C. It is perhaps as prevalent now as during the ancient and middle ages.

A large number of marginal collectors today are primarily hoarders, since they like to put away quantities of coins that are obtainable at or near face value. Notable recent practices along the hoarding line include the 90 per cent silver coins, silver dollars, Lincoln cents, Indian Head cents, "V" nickels, Buffalo nickels and various recent issues that were touted by a kind of grapevine recommendation going the rounds.

Therefore, hoarding becomes largely a matter of connotation. A surprisingly large number of requests are received from individuals who want information on coins to put aside. In about half of the cases the inquirers already have on hand coin hoards they have accumulated or inherited. Are the coins in question worth holding? Would the capital involved be better placed in interest-

bearing securities?

Hoarding is a perfectly legal practice, even though many devotees insist it is either a form of investment or part of the hobby. The Mexican government coined large, 50-peso gold pieces between 1921 and 1931 and encouraged peasants to hoard them if they could. The practice turned out to be a very profitable one. Certain ruling despots in the past have prohibited the hoarding of valuable coins, but this fact alone speaks well for the custom. United States citizens were avid hoarders of coins during such trying periods as the Revolutionary War, Civil War and the 1964-66 coin shortage just passed.

The time factor seems most important in putting away quantities of face-value coins. Doubtless they will be valuable in 100 years, but not necessarily so in 10 years. At least half of this column's readers fall in the casual collecting class. Obviously their questions relate largely to the common or non-rare coins. Some rush to put away coins on favorable reports, or sell their hoards on pessimistic findings.

The advanced numismatist insists that hoarding has no place in the hobby. But he has been wrong in his position many times in the past. The silver dollar and numerous dates and mint marks of U.S. coins struck from 1940 until 1956 have enhanced considerably in value. In such cases the so-called hoarder had economic on his side and was more of a successful speculator than blind accumulator.

So, as we have just said, hoarding is largely a matter of connotation.



The Mercury dime minted from 1916 to 1945 carries a fasces on the reverse. The fasces—an ax in a bundle of rods—is an old Roman symbol.

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# COMMENTARIUM.....

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## DEVOTED TO JUNIORS

So far free Roman coins can be earned only by those young numismatists who have given programs at regular club meetings. But is this fair? How about those juniors—and their number is legion—who will say, "I just can't present a program!" Will something be done for them? Certainly. And that is just the purpose of this month's article.

First of all there is a time-honored cliché that says, "The good things in life are neither free nor come without hard work." Well, this is only a half truth when we consider the opportunity for juniors to earn free Roman coins. Some hard work will be involved, but there will certainly be no cost, in cold hard money. Now let's see what they must do to qualify.

Let us suppose that the second vice president of your coin club is transferred for business reasons to some other community; or possibly, for personal or business reasons, he will not have adequate time to devote to this office, so he resigns. This is your cue. Tell your club president that you would like to have this spot. (Remember, "you" stands for either sex.) He'll talk to you about the responsibilities and duties, but don't be surprised if you wind up as second vice president of your club.

For this you earn a Roman coin. And you get it right away; you don't have to serve out any part of your office. Just tell me about it. Write me at 6201 Adirondack, Amarillo, Texas 79106. You will receive your Roman coin by return mail.

Now don't wait for an officer to

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ANA Young Numismatist  
Representative For Texas

design. Watch for your next election of officers, select the office you desire, and make your wishes known to members of your club. Select any office you like except president—treasurer, secretary, first or second vice president, sergeant-at-arms or whatever. But don't aspire to president. As a rule this spot requires experience and would rarely be filled by a junior. Yet this is hardly an inflexible rule.

Remember, these are elective offices and you may lose to your competition. But don't let this discourage you. Throw your hat in the ring again and fight harder for victory. Each time you are elected to office you get a Roman coin. And you get this coin just as soon as you are elected. You don't have to wait to serve out your tenure of office. Just write me.

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## Treasure Found

Crewmen from two shrimp boats from Bayou La Batre, Ala., recovered a quantity of old Spanish coins off the Louisiana coast in February and are now trying to determine the value of the treasure.

A spokesman for the crewmen said that approximately 300 pounds of silver coins dated from 1779 to 1883 had been recovered and a value had been placed on them from \$300,000 to \$1 million. However, he said that they were so badly eroded from the salt water that probably the coins would bring only about \$12,000 melted down, or possibly as much as \$30,000 from collectors.

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## NEWS ROUNDUP – A.N.A.

By NORMA MATHER  
A.N.A. Representative  
Corpus Christi, Texas

**HOORAY! HOORAY! HOORAY!!**

Fourth of July Spirit? Well, why not?



Norma Mather

**HOORAY** for Bryan Steger of Lubbock! Bryan was one of seven chosen from a field of 57 applicants for the Young Numismatist scholarships for one week to the July ANA summer seminar in Colorado Springs. The scholarships consist of tourist class air fare to and from Colorado Springs plus costs of the seminar and room and board. Sponsors are Numismatic News Weekly (last year's lone sponsor), Token and Medal Society, Coin Investments, Inc., Lewis M. Reagan Foundation, Inc., The Franklin Mint, Albert H. Wohlers & Co. Insurance and World-Wide Coin Investments.

Congratulations and all good wishes to Bryan. He's a young man with a most enthusiastic interest in and an admirable knowledge of our hobby, another we can be proud to have representing Texas; an active local club, TNA and ANA member. You'll recall that the one scholarship to last year's seminar went to Joseph Smith of Mineral Wells.

The seminar at Colorado College, right next to ANA headquarters, will be July 8-15. The classes in Coin Photography, Introduction to Ancient Numismatics aren't full according to a late news release. All will be under truly outstanding teachers. Phone 303-473-9142 if you are interested in attending. The \$120.50

fee includes room and 3 meals a day, Monday through Saturday, plus tuition and field trips to the Denver Mint and the ghost towns of Crapple Creek and Victor. Courses on counterfeit detection and on grading are closed. The seminar has expanded from 17 to 200 in five years, evidencing its success.



**HOORAY** for all of us collectors! The Eckhardt Hobby Protection Bill passed in the House of Representatives on a vote of 382 to 7 on May 16. The bill requires that every reproduction or copy of a numismatic item be plainly and permanently marked **COPY**. Failure to comply will be deemed an unlawful, unfair or deceptive act in commerce under the Federal Trade Commission Act and suit may be filed by "any interested party" in a district court.

The Senate version of the bill was introduced by Senator Vance Hartke, D-Ind., on May 23. Passage is expected, hopefully before you read this. Now alertness and action on the part of hobbyists will help make the legislation effective. **YOU** can help.



**HOORAY** for you if you've mailed in your ballot in the ANA election.

**HOORAY** for the ANA—growing steadily and serving effectively.

**HOORAY** for all who can attend that Boston Tea Party—the 82nd anniversary convention of ANA, August 23-27. **I HOPE** to see you there.

Have a happy holiday. **I hope** you have something special to celebrate personally.



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# THE UNCOMFORTABLE CHAIR



EDITOR

The Louisiana Numismatic Association is again attempting to publish a monthly newsletter and bulletin. They have had some tough luck getting a start for a regular publication. Cost was the principal factor in curtailing a bulletin during 1972, so they have raised the dues to \$5.00 per year. We wish them luck in getting off the ground once more . . . The Shreveport, La. Coin Club, Inc., in planning their annual coin show to be held at the Convention Center September 22-23, decided to issue its first set of four wooden nickels limited to a quantity of 250 sets. The theme will be the club's symbol - "Shreveport, Numismatic Heart of the Ark La-Tex". All show visitors will be given one of the wooden nickels but for those wanting sets, contact Walter E. Sears, Jr., Box 6076, Shreveport 71106.

For those clubs planning shows which may center on or near a holiday, we have available a "Holiday Timetable" - for instance, if you want to know when Easter will be in 1979, well, it will be April 15. The calendar includes up to 1979. If you need that info, write me . . . We will soon announce the 1973 rules for the CLUB SALUTE AWARD, so clubs - start preparing your entry. Make a record of all accomplishments, activities and be ready to send it in by the deadline of January 15, 1974 . . . Plans are

coming along nicely for our "TNA FOUNDER'S REUNION" and as soon as we have everything worked out, you'll know about it. In the meantime, we are still trying to locate some of those people who attended that first meeting in Port Lavaca in January, 1960. If you, as a member or officer, wish to attend, please drop us a line to get your name on the list . . .



Roger Earwood would like to hear from you too . . . if you don't have your 1973 TNA medal yet, write him, along with a buck, at Box 629, Denton 76201. Also, if you are lacking back issues from 1969 on, there are still a few available and Roger will forward those on to you too . . . Looking for other items? The Royal Canadian Mounted Police are celebrating their centennial year and the Royal Canadian mint, continuing its fine program of commemorative coinage, has changed the design of the regular issue Canadian quarter. It shows a mounted constable proudly holding the flag. The date 1873 appears at the hind quarters of the Mountie's horse and the date 1973 under the horse's reins. Three new stamps also honor the centennial. A coin-stamp combination neatly encased are available from Jerry Parker Ltd., Box 880, Ladysmith, British Columbia, Canada at \$1.75 per set . . . Be sure to read

the article on gold in the June Reader's Digest. It's entitled "GOLD - King of Metals" by Ernest O. Hauser. Very interesting . . . .



Some of our governors are "on the bull" - reports indicate good activity in their districts. John Face, District 8 governor, retired June 1 and will have plenty of time on his hands now to visit his clubs. Be looking for him. And we never fail to hear from our old "stand-by" - D. O. Joplin of District 9. Something going on out there all the time. Another of our new governors is really working too. LCdr C. C. Andrews, District 5. He will be at the Garland Coin Club show July 14-15 loaded down with TNA material and bet he collars everyone there who is not a TNA member.

Andrews is the secretary-treasurer of the Dallas Coin Club and says coin collecting developed naturally from having saved coins from the countries visited while serving in the United States Navy. He entered the Navy in 1927 and served on the first operational U.S. aircraft carrier, U.S.S. Langley. He specialized in electronics and received a promotion to commissioned status during World War II. He served in the North Atlantic, South Pacific, then in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean until his retirement in 1957. Couldn't stay out of retirement, so was employed by Texas Instruments, Inc., Equipment Division, as manager of acceptance testing until 1971 when he again retired. His main numismatic interest cover the areas of U.S., Mexican, Philippine and Hawaiian coins . . . .



Our sympathy is extended to Joe B. Davis of Corpus Christi on the recent death of his mother - Norma Mather's mother is recovering from a fall which broke her hip and led to surgery. Pate Bartee of Austin

is taking it easy following recent back surgery . . . . .



Have you been concerned with price of meat like the others? Well, did you know that steak knives are now being sold with instructions?" Adios and thirty . . . . .



## from the librarian

**T.N.A. Memorial Library**

**Wally Gilmore**

Box 74, Weslaco, Texas 78596

**MARVELOUS!** We have two fine donations for the library this month. Liberty Coin Club of Corpus Christi sent in a check for \$55.00 and Lyman C. Bartee of Austin, TNA president, donated the new book on "The Trade Tokens of Texas" written by William E. Fowler, Travis L. Roberts and Harry L. Strough. If you wish to order this new book, ask for No. F-7p.

**CLUBS!** What are you doing for programs? The library has so many nice slide sets for use by clubs. Since it is so hard to get members to prepare programs, try a slide set. We have a wide range to choose from and invite you to order one or at least ask for a list of them.

A new book for the collector of currency has been released by Western Publishing Co., Inc. of Racine, Wis. It is the sixth edition of "Guide Book of Modern United States Currency" by Neil Shafer. Has a classy new green and white cover and list up-to-date information and values for all U.S. paper money from 1929 to the very latest issues. Pick one up at your favorite coin dealers' shop or book store.

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from the

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Texas Numismatic Association

Col. Charles A. Wingo

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Denison, Texas 75020



Congratulations to the Dallas Coin Club which celebrated its 45th anniversary at its May meeting. Members are rightfully proud of the fact that it is the oldest coin club in Texas, and its past and current membership rosters include the names of many outstanding Texas numismatists such as B. Max Mehl, W. A. Philpott, Jr. (one of the founders), Thomas C. Bain, and T. Homer Brooks.

Congratulations are also in order to members of the Wichita Falls Coin and Stamp Club whose first show was a great success, and who also held a very stimulating district meeting in connection with the show. TNA president Lyman Barteo was present for the meeting and after making a few remarks, conducted an interesting discussion period.

Finally, heartiest congratulations to our TNA NEWS editor, Miriam Gilmore, whose continuing improvements in our monthly magazine now includes getting it to our members by the first of the month. Weren't you surprised?

Now, let's show our appreciation by sending in our club reports regularly and promptly. With your help, TNA NEWS will become the undisputed leader in state and regional numismatic publications. We have more members than ever before, submitting interesting articles for publication. Please join them by writing about **your** favorite numismatic sub-

ject. You'll not only enjoy seeing your article published, but you may even be presented with the Tidwell Award for literary accomplishment at our 1974 TNA convention. Now, get started!

Just one more thought before I close this message. Each year at our convention, many members express their ideas about exhibits and judging, but few take the trouble to put their thoughts down on paper and submit them to me during the year when they can be properly evaluated. Plans and procedures for the 1974 exhibit program will be submitted for approval to the TNA board at its fall meeting in Austin. If you have suggestions, **NOW** is the time to write a letter to me about it.

## Gold Eagles

The first American gold coins were called "eagles" from the design on the reverse. They were authorized in 1792 and struck in 1795. Initially, there were two denominations: one eagle, worth 10 dollars, and a half eagle, worth five dollars. In 1796, the first quarter eagle coin was minted, and in 1849 a double eagle, worth 20 dollars, was struck. Only one example of the 1849 double eagle is known to exist. The half eagle and quarter eagle coins were terminated in 1929. The other two denominations continued to be minted until 1933.

# from the secretary

Texas Numismatic Association

Mrs. Augusta Folda  
420 Heritage Drive  
Tyler, Texas 75701



Welcome to members 2483-J-2500.

If approved the following will become members August 1, 1973:

2570 (D-15) George L. May, 2803 W. Chicago Dr. Nederland, Tex. 77627 General, Jerry Williams.

2571 (D-10) Dick Miller, Box 9936, El Paso, Tex. 79990. U.S. and Foreign. Dewey Fields Jr.

2572 (D-14) Obert Aga, Box 471, Weslaco, Tex. 78596. U.S. Miriam Gilmore.

2573 (D-1) M. S. Ray, 36 Bridgegate No. 170, Euless, Tex. 76039. U.S. and Foreign Coins, Currency and Paper. Col. Chas. A. Wingo.

2574 (D-1) Charles F. Fox, Jr., 4812 Glade St., Fort Worth, Tex. 76114. U.S. Col. Raymond W. Darrah, Howard W. Luke.

2575 (D-16) James L. Turner, Box 460, Bremond, Tex. 76629. Col. Raymond W. Darrah.

2576 John Caskey, Box 12006, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73112. Dealer, Lyman C. Bartee, W. C. Williams.

2577 (D-13) Col. Richard D. Trapp, 205 Polaris, Sheppard AFB, Tex. 76311. Foreign Lyman C. Bartee, W. C. Williams.

J-2578 (D-13) Paul Trapp, 205 Polaris, Sheppard AFB, Tex. 76311. Crowns and silver Lyman C. Bartee, W. C. Williams.

2579 (D-1) Raymond Windle, Box 16027, Fort Worth, Tex. 76133. Stamps and Coins. Lyman C. Bartee.

2580 (D-13) Larry Gene Turnbow,

1503 Beverly, Wichita Falls, Tex. 76309. Dealer, Lyman C. Bartee.

2581 (D-6) A. R. Clarkson, 1416 Susan, Pasadena, Tex. 77506. U.S. Coins. Jerry Williams.

2582 Graves Deel, 726 E. Tenn. McAlester, Okla. 74501. U.S. Commemoratives and Tokens. Col. Chas. A. Wingo.

2583 Richard Montford, 4192 Vine-shire Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43227. Dealer Lyman C. Bartee.

C-154 (D-3) Big Spring Coin Club, 1702 Yale, Big Spring, Tex. 79720. Bob Neely, E. H. Brooks.

2584 (D-3) William J. Wilson, 2781 University Ave., San Angelo, Tex. 76901. U.S. Bob Neely, E. H. Brooks.

2585 (D-15) Jess Bachelder, 6550 Lexington No. 13, Beaumont, Tex. 77706. U.S. Coins. Jerry Williams.

2586 (D-15) Bernard A. Brady, Box 6138, Beaumont, Tex. 77705. U.S.-Type Coins. Jerry Williams.

2587 (D-11) William G. Crowe, 3307 Palmetto, Amarillo, Tex. 79106. U.S. Coins. D. R. Cervin.

2588 (D-11) V. A. Mayfield, 4307 E. 12th Ave., Amarillo, Tex. 79104. All Coins, U.S. Types. D. R. Cervin.

J-2589 (D-11) Miss Linda Mae Runkle, 4304 Jennie, Amarillo, Tex. 79106. General. D. R. Cervin.

2590 (D-6) Joseph T. Wells, III, 4316 Stantord, Houston, Tex. 77006. Old U.S. Colin Tuttle.

2591 (D-6) Patrick J. Allison, Box 53329, Houston, Tex. 77052. Gold and

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# from the treasurer

Texas Numismatic Association

Stanford M. Kennady

2901 Silverleaf Dr., Austin, Texas 78757



Balance on hand as of  
April 30, 1973 \$2,920.29

## Receipts:

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979 copies \$444.00

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Engraving 51.60 792.69

\$3,335.21

Balance on hand as of

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Balance as of May 31, 1973 \$86.61

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## Coin Hobby

Coin collecting used to be a hobby  
for rich men only, but today a wide  
range of people can share in the  
pleasure of owning and understand-  
ing samples of metal currency. To  
an average person, a coin is simply  
a disc-shaped piece of metal that  
has a different design on either side  
—heads and tails—and that lays  
things. To a collector, though, a coin  
is an example of the monetary sys-  
tem of a certain place and time,  
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## JULY 14-15

**GARLAND COIN CLUB** annual show, Lions Club Bldg. Bourse: Thos. C. Bain, 3717 Marquette Dr., Dallas 75225.



## AUGUST 4-5

**NORTHLINE COIN CLUB**, 6th annual show, Holiday Inn, FWY 1 10, 9799 Katy, Houston. Bourse: J. R. Luker, 3603 Breacrest, Houston 77016.



## AUGUST 4-5

**BELLAIRE COIN CLUB**, annual show, 7000 S Rice, Bellaire BOURSE: Joe F. Johnson, 10610 Ambursen St., Houston 77034



## AUGUST 23-27

**AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSN.**, annual convention Sheraton-Boston Hotel, Boston, Mass.



## AUGUST 25-26

**NOLAN COUNTY COIN CLUB**, Wildcat Show, Nolan County Coliseum Annex Bldg., Sweetwater. Bourse: Mabel Cunningham, Box 777, Sweetwater 79556.



## SEPTEMBER 8-9

**SAN ANGELO COIN CLUB**, annual show, Town House Motor Hotel. WRITE Club, Box 87, San Angelo 76901.



## SEPTEMBER 15-16

**BEAUMONT COIN CLUB**, 14th annual show, Red Carpet Inn BOURSE: Carl Heartfield, 5030 Stardust, Beaumont 77706.

## SEPTEMBER 15-16

**ODESSA COIN CLUB**, 13th annual Fermian Basin coin show, Inn of the Golden West. Write Club, Box 2009, Odessa 79760.



## SEPTEMBER 16

**BEEVILLE COIN CLUB**, 6th annual show, Bee County College Student Center, WRITE: Charles T. Galoway, Box 252, Beeville 78102.



## SEPTEMBER 22-23

**AUSTIN COIN CLUB**, annual "Money Mart," Stephen F. Austin Hotel. Write Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767.



## SEPTEMBER 22-23

**SHREVEPORT COIN CLUB, INC.**, 9th annual show, Convention Center, 500 River Parkway, Shreveport, La. BOURSE: J. M. Avery, 3714 Doris St., Shreveport, La 71109



## SEPTEMBER 23

**PORT ISABEL AND BROWNSVILLE COIN CLUBS'** annual show, Sea Island Motor Hotel, South Padre Island. Bourse: Don Pruitt, Box 591, Port Isabel 78578.



## OCTOBER 6-7

**FORT WORTH COIN CLUB**, annual show, Western Hills Inn, Fort Worth Metroplex Bourse Winston Jobe, P O Box 7167, Fort Worth 76111



## OCTOBER 20-21

**LIBERTY COIN CLUB**, 12th annual show, Memorial Coliseum, Corpus Christi For information write club, Box 7001, Corpus Christi 78415

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## DISTRICT MEETINGS

### DISTRICT ONE:

Officers for the Graham Coin and Stamp Club have been named for the new year and Jimmy Gilmore will serve as president, G. S. Davison, vice president, and Mrs. Wm. Rust, secretary-treasurer. The election was held in May at the TESCO Reddy Room.



Everett Hull  
Governor

Walter Scott Jr. showed some Buffalo nickels and gave a short review on grading the coins. Davison quoted from Coinage Magazine on commemorative half dollars and explained why the price was rising so rapidly. He also stated that none of them originally sold for 50 cents as each commemorated some his-



**NEW OFFICERS** — Elected to serve the Graham Coin & Stamp Club are Jimmy Gilmore, right, president; Mrs. Hellen Rust, secretary-treasurer; and G. S. Davison, vice president.

torical event.—Hellen Rust, Sec.



The May meeting of the Mineral Wells Coin Club was held at the Crazy Water Hotel with 27 members and six guests attending.

A movie on the United States money system's first trade dollars and the material for the production of the coins was shown by Denn Rabideau. Vaughn Davis gave several interesting points pertaining to coin collecting.—Hellen Rust, Reporter.



Lee Medley will head the Fort Worth Coin Club annual show as general chairman with the show being held October 6-7 at the Western Hills Inn, Fort Worth Metroplex. Assisting Medley will be Joe Wade and Bill Moss, exhibits; M. D. Fretwell, publicity; and Inell Somers, registration. In charge of house will be Joe Neal, Bob Slocum and Bob Culbertson. J. N. Medley will direct the gold ticket drawing committee.

Everett Hull donated coins for a junior auction with proceeds going to purchase additional coins for future auctions. R. E. Hibbert also made a donation of several pieces of odd and curious money for the club to auction and benefits to be used for club activities.

Meetings are held in the Gray Ware 1879 Room at the corner of Pennsylvania and Henderson Streets.—Lee Medley, FNA Rep.

## DISTRICT TWO:

Thirty-one members attended the May meeting of the **Odessa Coin Club** held at the Permian Bank & Trust Co.



H. R. Peppard  
Governor

Bill Hodges spoke on gold, valuable metals and world coins. Ashley Lawson "plugged" the **TNA NEWS** and called attention to an article appearing which concerned the Turban Bust half dollar.—H. R. Peppard, Gov., Dist. 2.



## DISTRICT THREE:

Plans were discussed for the District 3 meeting to be held July 15 in Abilene with a starting time of 2 p.m. at the Downtown Motel, at the June meeting of the **San Angelo Coin Club**.



Bob Neely  
Governor

The meeting, with 38 present, was held at the Town House Motor Hotel.—Bill Lee, Reporter.



Dr. John Talmadge, of the psychiatric division of the State hospital, spoke on "Psychology of Collecting" at the May meeting of the **Big Spring Coin Club**.

Sixteen were present for the meeting held at Mac's Coin Shop.—Mrs. J. R. Farmer, Reporter.



A counterfeit money display will highlight the 1973 Wildcat Show to be hosted in August by members of the **Nolan County Coin Club** in Sweetwater. Plans were discussed at

the May meeting held at the Texas Bank.

Juanita Monroe and Mabel Cunningham presented the program on "United States Paper Money—1861-1923" in the form of a slide set with commentary.—David Williams, Sec.



## DISTRICT FOUR:

Trade Night was held by members of the **Waco Coin Club** at the May meeting held at the Texas Power & Light Service Center, 3600 Franklin Ave.



Keith Johnson  
Governor

The club wishes to aid members in obtaining coins they need and will include want lists in the monthly newsletter, space permitting. A notebook will be provided at each meeting for members to list the coins they desire.—J. P. Jones, Sec.



The meaning of the symbols appearing on the reverse of the \$1.00 United States Federal Reserve notes was explained to members attending the recent meeting of the **Austin Coin Club**. Twenty-three members were present.—Lyman C. Bartee, Sec.



## DISTRICT FIVE:

The 107th meeting of **Numismatics International** of Dallas was held May 16 at the Community Room, 6300 E. Mockingbird Lane.



C. C. Andrews  
Governor

Jack E. Lewis spoke to the group on "40 Years of Chinese Crowns."

The organization

publishes a monthly bulletin and is limited to the collecting of world coins. Anyone interested may contact the club at Box 30013, Dallas 75230.



George Johnson was in charge of the program for the May meeting of the **Garland Coin Club** and spoke on numismatic events of the 1960s. He displayed proof sets, mint sets and compared the silver and cupro-nickel coinage.

The club has an extensive exhibit in the hall of the new First National Bank building of Garland entitled "The Silver Story." Anyone in the area is invited to drop by and view the display.

Plans were discussed for the annual coin show to be held July 14-15. Twenty-three were in attendance. —**Frances O. Landon, Reporter.**

Members of the **Dallas Coin Club** gathered at the Baker Hotel to assist in celebrating the 45th anniversary of organization. Thirty-one were present.

Speaker for the evening was T. Homer Brooks and he chose for his topic "U.S. Paper Money 1861-1923" illustrated by 55 notes —**LCdr. C. C. Andrews, Sec.** (Anniversary story appears elsewhere in this issue. Editor's Note.)



#### DISTRICT SIX:

The **Bellaire Coin Club** will sponsor their annual coin show on August 4-5 at 7000 South Rice in Bellaire. For table reservations write Joe F. Johnson, 10610 Ambursem St., Houston 77034.

The May meet



Charlotte Nichols  
Governor

ing of the **Galveston County Coin Club** of Texas City was held at Nessler Civic Center and it was reported that Club President Claude Nessler was improving following an illness of several weeks.

The program consisted of a four-member panel discussing a variety of subjects, specifically "What Makes For a Good Coin Show." Noted were observations of good leadership, well chosen dealers, exhibits and a comfortable bourse room. Some of the smaller shows do not have a registration desk or exhibits and it was pointed out that coin prices were reverting to the 1964 level and the cost of bourse tables was higher. All enjoy a show that has a variety of dealers offering both United States and foreign coins, currency and miscellaneous items. It was added that club members should provide some exhibits and trophies awarded. The panel included Ruby Threlkeld, Don Stollenberg, Christine Richardson and A. A. Graf. **Ruby Threlkeld, Sec.**



Officers and directors of the **La-Marque Coin Club** met and planned programs for the summer months. Included will be talks by members, Chinese auctions, swap night, show and tell, covered dish supper and game night. The annual club picnic was set for July 8 at Carbine Park.

Hugh Threlkeld gave the program at the May meeting and spoke on "St. George on a Horse." He displayed a proof crown and told the story as to how the coin came to be minted. —**Ruby Threlkeld, Reporter.**



#### DISTRICT SEVEN:

Andy Halls was a special guest at the May 9 meeting of the **Alamo Coin Club** of San Antonio showing his trophy which he won at the TNA convention for the best junior ex-

hibit He was also to display an array of Irish gun money

Members made plans to participate in the Fort Sam Houston annual Hobby Festival and were preparing exhibits for the show scheduled for May 19 at Service Club No. 1 near Brooke General Hospital

It was reported that the Gateway Coin Club, also of San Antonio, had not been meeting due to the lack of a suitable place.—Club Bulletin.



## DISTRICT EIGHT:

The sixth annual coin show was planned by members of the Beeville Coin Club for September 16 at the Bee County College Student Center.

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Ralph Watters told of his early collecting days in New Mexico. When they sold produce and meat to the Indians, his mother gave him the Indian Head cents. From this he branched out into all phases of collecting.

At the June 3 meeting, Charles Berger was to have charge of the program. Club members meet every other Tuesday at Wilson Tower, Exxon Conference Room, 10th Floor. —Club Bulletin.



On May 29, members of the Corpus Christi Coin Club enjoyed the annual dinner meeting and installation of new officers held at the Chung Mei Restaurant.

C. H. Roberts, past president, in-



stalled the officers and Norma Mather, ANA representative for TNA, presented Cal Lorring, outgoing president, with a silver past president's medal. A so-called "short snorter" bill was passed around for members to sign which was later given as an attendance prize.

New officers include John Face, president; Cal Lorring, first vice president; Martin Rittenhouse, second vice president; and James Catron, treasurer. Norma Mather was appointed to act as secretary.

At an earlier meeting, a TNA slide presentation was given on the modern Mexican 1c through 50c. The set, No. 45, has been completely re-photographed, new lecture written and all the new types added. —John Face, Gov., Dist. 8.



In May, Governor John Face attended the Victoria Numismatic

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Club's annual show and reported that much work went into the preparation and it was a success. Governor Face renewed some old acquaintances and made some new ones.

May meeting held in the Reddy Room. Larry Sanderson showed pictures of awards presented to the club and members at the TNA convention and the Clovis, N. M., coin show.—D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.

# DISTRICT NINE:

November 4 is the date set for the annual coin show to be hosted by the Lamb County Coin Club of Littlefield. The show will be held in the Community Bldg. For further information, write to the club, Box 307, Littlefield



D. O. Joplin  
Governor

79339. Ernest Mills was appointed to serve as general chairman.

Twenty-two were present for the

At the May meeting of the South Plains Coin Club of Lubbock, Bryan Steger reported on numismatic books which are in the public library and asked the club to consider donating additional books.

Mr. Durland reported on his trip to Las Vegas and his attendance at a coin show. The group of 23 met at the First Federal Savings building.—D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.

Members of the Levelland Coin Club voted to hold their Spring coin show at the Women's Bldg. at the Fair Grounds. The date has not

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Reports were heard from those participating in National Coin Week and it was noted that some of the exhibits were still on display in the Levelland banks.—D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 3.

#### DISTRICT ELEVEN:

At the regular meeting of the Amarillo Coin Club held in May, plans for the summer coin show were reported on. The dates were June 30-July 1 at the Villa Inn.

Linda Rumble, 11 years old, stated that she would present the program for the June meeting and selected her topic "Silver Bars." Linda joined TNA and as a junior she will be eligible for a Roman coin for presenting a club program, as announced in recent issues of the TNA NEWS' Commentarium column.

The program for May was "Frederick III, A Very Proud Emperor," and was presented by Dave Cervin. Cervin pointed out that Frederick, emperor of the Holy Roman Empire from 1440 to 1492, was so proud of his native Austria, that he said so on his coins. Cervin showed a slide on one dated 1487 that had the letters "A E I O V," which is Latin for "Austria Est Imparare Orbe Vniverso," freely translating to "Austria is the greatest country in the world." Cervin commented "Are we as proud of the United States? Well, maybe but we certainly don't say so on our coins."—Dave Cervin, TNA Rep.



Ernest Cummings  
Governor

#### DISTRICT THIRTEEN:

The first annual stamp and coin show was presented by members of the Wichita Falls Stamp and Coin Club in May and was held at the Ramada Inn. Over 1,000 visitors attended the show. Special guests included TNA President Lyman C. Bartee and TNA First Vice President Charles A. Wingo.



W. C. Williams  
Governor

Exhibit awards went to Roger Paulk, best in show for coins, and Truman Willis, best in show for stamps. Special prizes went to E. G. Givens, Mrs. Maxine Norris, Paulk and W. L. Hightower.

Show chairman was W. C. Williams and committees included Logan Essex, coin exhibits; Truman Willis, stamp exhibits; Mrs. Woody Taylor, registration; and Mrs. G. M. Howard, publicity.

At the May club meeting, an auction was planned.—Mrs. G. M. Howard, Publicity.



Members of the Greenbelt Coin Club of Vernon met in May and June at the Wilbarger Memorial building with an attendance of 58 at the two sessions. It was voted to contribute \$5.00 to ANA to be listed as a patron at the Boston convention to be held in August.

W. C. Williams gave the evening's program and he spoke on prices of coins, grading and the altering of coins. He stressed the importance of learning the history of coins. L. L. Essex added to the talk by showing some altered coins.—Mrs. T. L. O'Steen, Sec.

## DISTRICT FOURTEEN:

New officers were nominated at the May meeting of the **Port Isabel Coin Club** and include Robert C. Dedmon, president; Don Pruitt, vice president; and Ethel Morgan, secretary-treasurer. John L. Chisum is retiring president.



L. G. Davenport  
Governor

Plans were discussed for the joint **Port Isabel and Brownsville Coin Clubs'** coin show to be held September 23 at the Sea Island Motel on South Padre Island. The meeting was held at Merchant's Marine State Bank.—**Miriam Gilmore, Reporter**



Named to receive certificates for participating in National Coin Week at the **Brownsville Coin Club** meeting held in May include Robert C. Dedmon, Mayor Louis Lapeyre, Pat Pace, Tom Hunt, First National Bank and Pan American Bank.

Mrs. Oneta Grisham gave the program and spoke on the newly-discovered Republic of Minerva. She displayed the first coin of this republic, minted by authorization of the Minervian government in cooperation with the Minerva Development Bank, Ltd. The coin is a \$35 piece, minted of 24 grams of 999 silver, with the head of Minerva (goddess of wisdom) on the obverse, in ten grains of 24 karat pure gold. It is said to be possibly the first coin minted in a combination of gold and silver. The reverse features the Torch of Freedom.—**Oneta Grisham, Pres.**



Twenty-nine attended the May meeting of the **Harlingen Coin Club**

held at the First National Bank. Members voted to purchase silver dollars to be used as attendance prizes.

E. B. Dahley, vice president, presided in the absence of the president, Hicks Prescott.—**Oneta Grisham, Sec.**



Martin Rittenhouse of Corpus Christi, and direct descendent of David Rittenhouse, first mint director for the United States, was a special guest at the May meeting of the **South Texas Error Club** held at Chisum's Rock Shop in Pharr.

Rittenhouse discussed mint errors and pointed out that the years of 1950 and 1972 have so far produced the most numismatic errors. He explained how some of the errors occur and the varying prices on the errors.—**Miriam Gilmore, Reporter.**



Robert C. Dedmon was elected president of the **Willacy County Coin Club** at the May meeting held at the Dew Drop Inn in Lyford. Assistant will be John L. Chisum, vice president; and Oneta Grisham, secretary-treasurer.

Attendance prizes were given to Robert Pitts and Mrs. Dedmon. Silver dollars and uncirculated cents were reported to have sold well at the auction.—**Oneta Grisham, Sec.**



A numismatic quiz on terms used in identifying coins and related items was conducted by Virginia Armstrong at the June meeting of the **Hidalgo Coin Club** which met at Chisum's Rock Shop in Pharr.

A list of 23 terms was given each member to answer and winners were Miriam Gilmore, first place, and Horacio Fernandez, second place.

The group voted to have members list coins they need or want and a book will be provided for the notices.

at each meeting.—**Miriam Gilmore, Reporter.**



#### DISTRICT FIFTEEN:

The program for the May meeting of the Beaumont Coin Club was given by Sidney King and Carl Heartfield. They talked on the ANACS and displayed ten gold pieces, with six of the ten being counterfeit.



**Jerry Williams**  
Governor

Pat Mounier gave me "Did You Know?" facts. Attendance prizes went to George May, Sidney King and Linda Cobb.

Members held a silent prayer for the Hamm family. Mrs. Hamm recently passed away.

Forty-eight members and one guest were present for the meeting held in the Director's Room of the First Security Bank.—**Jerry Williams, Gov. Dist. 15.**



A report was given on the recent Louisiana Numismatic Assn. convention at the May meeting of the Port Arthur Coin Club and congratulations were extended to Victor Butts and Shirley Williams for awards won in exhibit competition. Shirley won best in show and Victor placed first in his category.

Jerry Williams, club president, passed out bulletins to all members concerning the history of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing from the U.S. Treasury Dept. A discussion followed.

Victor Butts made a motion that the club add to the constitution and by-laws an article concerning counterfeiting and forgery of anything pertaining to numismatics, and that any club member convicted of such action shall be expelled from the

club. Action on this was postponed until the next meeting.

Richard Krummel gave a program on the U.S. Trade Dollar.—**Jerry Williams, Gov. Dist. 15.**



#### EVENTS CALENDAR —

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##### OCTOBER 21

**LAFAYETTE COIN CLUB**, Cajun Carnival, Municipal Auditorium, Lafayette, La. **WRITE:** Club, Box 52334, Lafayette, La. 70501.



##### NOVEMBER 4

**LAMB COUNTY COIN CLUB**, annual show, Community Bldg., Littlefield. **WRITE:** Club, Box 307, Littlefield 79339.



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The gold rush to the Far East occasioned some odd denominational coins. Quarter-dollar gold coins were made by unofficial sources. Some times these pieces are called "charms" rather than coins. In 1854 official three-dollar gold pieces appeared. They resemble one-dollar gold coins in design, but they were less popular. In 1889, they, too, were discontinued. Four-dollar gold pieces called "stellars" were struck in 1879 and 1880 as trial coins—experimental ones. They were made in proof only and are worth thousands of dollars apiece today.



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## 45th Celebrated By Dallas Club

The Dallas Coin Club, organized in 1928 and reportedly the oldest club in Texas, celebrated their 45th anniversary recently. The special occasion was held at the Baker Hotel in May.

President Ed Slade Jr. borrowed a few passages from the club's 1934 year book as the basis in summing up the history of the club. They are quoted to show that time does not change all things, and that the ideas generally are as applicable today as when originally written 40 years ago. The following explains why the Dallas club was organized and why it has endured.

C. A. McGlamery and W. A. Philpott Jr. met many times and talked numismatics but they felt the need of a wider circle of enthusiasts, if the hobby was to flourish in Dallas. When a proof piece or a crisp bill was exhibited, there was no other known enthusiasts to rave over it, or throw fits of envy, or spasms of covetousness.

"The thought behind the Dallas club, therefore was to seek out and organize those interested in numismatics, cultivating those collectors who were already indulging the hobby, and encouraging other persons with a dormant collecting mania to become active on coins or currency."

Slade asked that these thoughts be kept in mind, and for everyone to endeavor to acquire new members. He closed by asking all those present to start thinking about how they would like to celebrate the club's golden anniversary.

McGlamery, assisted by President Slade, cut the colorfully decorated anniversary cake. McGlamery was the club's first secretary-treasurer (1928-29), third president (1933-34), and now the only remaining charter mem-

ber.

Refreshments were provided by Mrs. G. F. Johnson and she was assisted in serving by Mrs. Pauline Boone to the 29 members and two guests present.

Other longtime members present were: T. Homer Brooks and R. L. Griffith (over 30 years), Mrs. U. N. Clary, Victor J. Toogood, R. L. Johnston, and Wm. A. Marr (over 25 years.)

Other activities for club members included participation in the Downtown Spring Festival during National Coin Week. The Dallas Chamber of Commerce, represented by Hunter Michaels, invited the club to exhibit at the National Bank of Commerce as a part of the Festival.

Participating were: Col. Chas. A. Wingo, TNA first vice president - Eisenhower numismatic history and U.S. Fractional currency; George F. Johnson - Civil War era numismatics; Frances O. Langdon - historical ancient coins; LCdr. C. C. Andrews - Hawaiian coins; James Klemer - U.S. type coins; Thos. C. Bain - Republic of Texas Bonds signed by Sam Houston; and T. Homer Brooks - U.S. currency, \$1 FRN's Series 1963-B.

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## British 'Talk'

The British pound consists of 20 shillings, 10 shillings being half a pound. 5 shillings are worth a crown or a crown is worth 5 shillings. The 2-shilling coin is also called a florin. One shilling is worth 12 pence. The farthing was valued at  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a pence. A "bob" is slang for a shilling and a "quid" is slang for a pound.

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As of June 1, there were 47 new members, one new chapter member and 34 new members were signed up at the 1973 Fort Worth convention.



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Baker Hotel.



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3rd Monday, Girard Park Recrea-  
tion Center, Lafayette, La

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## Texas Centennial Coin

The Texas Centennial commemorative half dollar was minted from 1934 to 1938. Texas won its independence from Mexico in 1836, the year of the defense of the Alamo, and it honored the anniversary in true Texas fashion, with a coinage that lasted five years and involved all three mints then in operation. Only Philadelphia struck the Texas commemorative the first year and Denver and San Francisco minted them the other years.

The design, by Pompeo Coppini, shows the kneeling figure of Liberty before the Alamo. She is flanked by small portraits of two Texas leaders—Stephen F. Austin and General Sam Houston. After independence from Mexico, Houston was twice president of the Republic of Texas before it entered the Union in 1845. The reverse of the coin carries an eagle before the Lone Star symbolizing the state, as well as the "E Pluribus Unum" and "In God We Trust," the two mottos most frequently found on American coinages.



(EDITOR'S NOTE—As space permits, the TNA NEWS will print letters of club activities entered in the 1972 CLUB SALUTE award. This is in hopes of directing other clubs in submitting their reports for the 1973 contest.)

## SALUTE TO LAMB COUNTY! ..... Second Place Winner

The Lamb County Coin Club of Littlefield has 46 members (five junior members) and average membership attendance of 25, with an average visitor attendance of three per meeting. Meetings are held in the Reddy Room, Southwestern Public Service building, the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Programs consist of various slides shown through the courtesy of TNA and ANA, talks and exhibits by members on such topics as "Australian Coins," "Currency," "Know Your Coins," "The Finer Points of Coin Collecting," etc.

Club members Larry Sanderson, Littlefield, E. L. Pitzer and Alton Logsdon, Levelland, Jay Commaack, Portales, N. M., Max and Bryan Steger, Lubbock, have received TNA certificates from District Governor D. O. Joplin for presenting programs.

The club hosted a Tri-County club luncheon (Lubbock, Levelland and Littlefield) TNA President Lyman Bartee was the honored guest and speaker. Lamb County club received a plaque for the most members present.

D. O. Joplin, club member and governor, District 9, received the Lewis Reagan award. Max Steger attended the ANA convention in New Orleans as our club representative; his son, Bryan, was awarded a trophy by The Franklin Mint as outstanding junior member.

We had a successful show November 5, 1972 with 21 dealers, 30 exhibits and over 200 registered guests. Club profit was \$210.00. A new and popular feature was an appraisal

table for visitors wishing an estimated value on coins. The Rainbow Girls served refreshments and cleared around \$100.00 for their organization.

Charitable activities and donations include a \$10.00 donation to the Girl Scouts, the purchase of merit badges for the Boy Scouts, these to be presented at our meetings as earned by the Scouts. Scout troops attended club meetings as guests. Club President Larry Sanderson is advisor for a Scout group in coin collecting for merit badges. Coin books and COIN WORLD magazines were donated to the school library.

District Governor Joplin receives \$60.00 per year from the club to help finance trips to TNA conventions.

Richard Pryor of Littlefield, a young cancer victim, became interested in coin collecting, and all types of coins were given him by our club members. Members also donated coins which were auctioned with the proceeds given to the Richard Pryor Fund.

The ladies (Club Members Edwena Clark and Ceil Hollingsworth) prepare refreshments for club meetings and do much to keep regular members in attendance and to gain new ones. This year the club presented them gifts of appreciation.

First-time visitors to club meetings are given an Indian Head cent.

A television talk show appearance was made by Larry Sanderson, Charles Barrett and Bryan Steger promoting coin collecting and the coin show. An up-to-date scrap book

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## LARGE COINS, LARGE TAXES!

By the middle of the 16th century, enough silver was being produced in what is now Central Germany to permit coins of large size. Until then the taler, or dollar, had been the largest coin in circulation, but now new denominations—double, triple and even 10 taler pieces—were being minted. They varied from very thick to thin and wide, and were called "loesers." At first the conventional portrait on one side with the coat of arms on the reverse was used for the wide coins. Later, during the 17th century, fanciful designs began to appear, among them a ship of good fortune, a detailed design of a silver mine in full operation and various animals of the forest.

These attractive designs made the coins especially desirable to the wealthy merchants who began to collect them. The Dukes of Brunswick and Lueneburg, whose domains were in Central Germany, found the coins would also serve for tax purposes to support their innumerable petty wars.

Whenever one of the loesers, or large coins, was purchased, a careful notation was made of the buyer's name and address. Then, if the ruler needed money and levied a tax, he knew exactly who possessed large coins. When the citizens refused to invest in loesers, the Dukes made it a crime not to purchase them. The Thirty Years' War (1618-1648) brought inflation, making silver far too precious to be used in such large coins and the tax scheme ceased. Although double or triple talers are often found today, the five and 10 taler coins are much rarer and more valuable.

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keeps members interested. Newspaper publicity before and after meetings keeps the public interested and aware of club activities.

(The club also reports activities to the TNA NEWS.—Editor's comment.)

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